

Mondovi Community Thanksgiving Worship

November 25, 2025

Our Savior's United Methodist Church



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“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!” --- Psalm 100:4

MONDOVI COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

November 25, 2025, 6:00 pm

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**Indicates the congregation standing*

GREETING & WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kim

Let us prepare our hearts for worship through prayerful meditation.

PRELUDE/LIGHTING CANDLES

GATHERING SONG

Katie Sandberg, Our Savior’s UMC

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Kim

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

C: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

C: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

L: Hallelujah!

C: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN #694** *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

***OPENING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

Luke Pederson

Giver of peace, our hearts and tongues praise you, offering thanks for every season of life.

Your mercy, provision, and direction have guided us through both storm and sunshine.

When the rains of fear, anxiety, and despair fall upon our weary souls, refocus our minds on things that are noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, and praiseworthy. Make us channels of hope, as the hands of Christ. In gratitude and peace, we pray. Amen.

***THANKSGIVING HYMN OF PRAISE #131** *“We Gather Together”* (vv. 1 & 3)

Participants:

Clergy:

Mara Ahles-Iverson, Central Lutheran

Hyuntae Kim, Montana-Salem, Gilmanton & Our Savior’s United Methodist

Luke Pederson, Good Shepherd & Trinity Lutheran Church of Norden

Gary Preston, Modena Lutheran Church

Organist/Pianist:

Judy Winsand

Lectors: Nancy Quarberg, Modena Lutheran; Beth Kennedy, Central Lutheran;

Terry Plank, Gilmanton UMC; Mary Beth Pichler, Our Savior’s UMC

Ushers: Jay & Kolleen Branger

Special Music: United Methodist Choir

**You are cordially invited to join us for
pumpkin dessert in the lower level fellowship
hall after our Thanksgiving worship**

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Undesignated offerings will be donated to support the MACA ministry.

HYMN #102 *“Now Thank We All Our God”* (vv. 1 & 3)

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #95** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gary Preston

L: Generous God, you have given us a land to dwell in, a table to gather around, and a Savior who is the Bread of Life. In this season of thanksgiving, we bring these gifts to you—not out of obligation, but out of joy and gratitude. Use them, and use us, to sow peace where there is pain, to share hope where there is hunger, and to shine your light in every corner of the world. Bless this offering, that it may become a sign of your love and a seed of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gary Preston

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who wrong us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN #671 *“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mara

Go now in thanksgiving, with hearts full of grace and hands ready to serve.

As you walk from this place, remember the land you’ve been given, the peace that guards your heart, and the Bread of Life who sustains you.

May the Spirit guide your steps, Christ dwell richly within you, and the love of God overflow in all you do—in your thoughts, your words, and your actions.

Go in peace, to love and to live as grateful people of God.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

***THANKSGIVING PRAYERS (LITANY)**

Pastor Mara

L: Let us give thanks to God for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For all that is gracious in the lives of people, revealing the image of Christ,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

C: To Jesus be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prayer of Thanksgiving”

United Methodist Choir

FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Beth Kennedy, Central Lutheran

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L: This is the Word of the Lord for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 *(Read responsively)* **Mary Beth Pichler, Our Savior’s UMC**

L: 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

C: 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing!

L: 3 Know that the Lord is God, who made us, is God.

C: We are the Lord’s; we are the people of God, the sheep of God’s pasture

L: 4 Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise!

C: Give thanks and bless God’s name!

L: 5 For the Lord is good;

C: God’s steadfast love endures for ever; God’s faithfulness to all generations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 4:4-9* **Nancy Quarberg, Modena Lutheran**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING #97** *“For the Fruits of All Creation”*

***GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 6:25-33* **Terry Plank, Gilmanton UMC**

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

L: This is the Word of the Lord for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THANKSGIVING **Pastor Kim**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** **Luke Pederson**

L: Let us pray together. Faithful God, you have led us through wilderness and wonder, and brought us into a land of promise and praise.

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: You have given us harvest and home, bread for our bodies and truth for our souls.

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: In joy and in worry, you call us to rejoice and rest in your peace.

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: You have given us minds to think, hearts to love, and hands ready to serve.

C: We thank you, Lord.

L: Now send us into the world, to sow hope, share peace, and live your love.

C: Lord, help us live with gratitude.

L: In Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, may we find true thanksgiving and lasting peace. May your love be made known through us.

C: In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.